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TATE MUSEUM EXHIBIT TO TRAVEL TO DELAWARE ART MUSEUM IN 2023

BY BETSY PRICE

An exhibit from the Tate Museum in London will travel to the Delaware Art Museum in October 2023. It's a major coup for the Wilmington institution, which will be the exhibit's only stop in the United States.

The Tate show "The Rossettis" will focus on the family of British Pre-Raphaelite painter Dante Gabriel Rossetti and will feature several pieces from the Delaware museum's collection of Pre-Raphaelite Art.

The show will run in London at Tate Britain from April 6 to Sept. 24. It will then travel to Delaware, where it will end the Delaware Museum's Year of Pre-Raphaelites, which has just begun.

The Delaware museum's new Pre-Raphaelite curator Sophie Lynford told patrons Tuesday night that Tate curators told their Delaware counterparts that the Tate

show could not be mounted unless it could borrow the Delaware works.

DELAWARE ART MUSEUM TRIUMPH

Being able to host the Tate show is a crowning moment for the Delaware Art Museum, which not so long ago had essentially been blackballed by the museum world for selling art works to clear debts. For a few years, it was not able to borrow artwork and no one asked to borrow its works.

Then prominent museums began doing the same thing a few years later, and suddenly the Delaware museum looked like a forward-thinking institution wisely making sure it was around to serve the Delaware community for another century.

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BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

There are three ways to vote in Delaware’s Nov. 8 general election: absentee, early, or in person on eElection Day. Earlier this month, the Delaware Supreme Court ruled no-excuse mail-in voting unconstitutional. The decision has left many voters unsure of the rules.

The general election will be held Nov. 8 from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. For a list of candidates, click [HERE](#). As always, you may vote in person at your designated polling location. Unsure of your polling location? Click [HERE](#).

VOTER REGISTRATION

In its ruling on mail-in voting, the Supreme Court also ruled against same-day voter registration. That means you won’t be able to register to vote at your polling place on Election Day. Unfortunately, the registration deadline to vote in the Nov. 8 general election has passed.

For future elections, you can register online by visiting this [link](#) and filling out the form. Your application will be processed and, if approved, a voter registration

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card will be sent to your address along with information about your polling place. You can also register at any of these state agencies while accessing their services:

- Division of Motor Vehicles (driver license and state ID services)
- Department of Health & Social Services
- Department of Labor

Unsure of your registration status? Click [HERE](#).

ABSENTEE VOTING

While Delaware voters will not be allowed to vote by mail as they did in 2020, many will meet the qualifications to vote absentee. Those ballots must be requested, then returned through the U.S. Postal Service or in a ballot drop box. You may vote by absentee ballot if:

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MCCONNELLS GIVE URSULINE \$1.75 MILLION TO KEEP GROWING

BY JAREK RUTZ

A Wilmington couple was surprised by thunderous cheers when dozens of Ursuline Academy Lower School students gathered to thank the couple for a \$1.75 million donation.

Paul and Linda McConnell’s gift will be split. The first \$1.25 million will be used to create the Paul and Linda McConnell Young Scholars program, which will provide tuition assistance to low-income families in the Lower School. The other \$500,000 will expand the school’s Innovation Program into the Lower School.

That program began in 2016 with the goal of helping young women evaluate societal problems and come up with practical solutions and inventions. It can include such things as creating equipment to help handicapped people get into wheelchairs easier.

“As long-standing members of the Ursuline family, we have seen what an impact the school has had on the lives of its students and the greater community,” said Paul McConnell.

He said he’s confident the academy’s administration will turn their gift into endless opportunities for children to grow, learn and thrive as Ursuline students.

The couple visited the school Wednesday. **Ursuline** is thrilled to receive the support, said President Trisha Medeiros.

“The McConnells are just incredibly generous,” she said, “and this donation will benefit our entire school community.”

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DELSHAKES' BILINGUAL MUSICAL 'TWELFTH NIGHT' ENDS THIS WEEKEND

BY BETSY PRICE

Three years ago, Delaware Shakespeare decided to step out on a ledge and produce a musical version of “Twelfth Night” for its 2020 community tour. Then writer Liz Filios of Philadelphia had another inspiration: What if the musical was also bilingual, partly because they have Spanish-speaking audience members?

Go for it, DelShakes Executive Editor David Stradley told her. They asked director Tanaquil Márquez to help because Filios is not a native Spanish speaker.

“Initially, we were just going to include some Spanish language elements. As they really started thinking about how to do that authentically, it was also mid-2020 and the country was wrestling with these issues of racial justice,” Stradley said.

“And they said, ‘Why don’t we go to making this a story about immigration? Because the plot of ‘Twelfth

Night’ is about two twins getting shipwrecked in a new land and having to make their way, so it went from just including the Spanish language elements to really making this an attempt to celebrate the stories of Latino immigrants and encourage people who are watching this musical to try to take some take some action to improve the situation for immigrants in the U.S.”

The COVID-19 pandemic knocked the production off the boards until this fall. But now, the show’s triumphant four-week tour of Delaware libraries, senior centers, schools and detention centers will end with ticketed performances this weekend at the Siegel Jewish Community Center with shows Saturday night and Sunday afternoon.

There’s a bonus for those who want to go: Ticket prices of \$25 for adults and \$18 for youth are plowed right back

into next year’s community tour. Get them [HERE](#).

DelShakes’ community tours are designed to bring the Bard to communities that may have little exposure to his work. Actors say the productions, usually presented in the round, offer experiences they rarely get, with audience members sitting feet away, commenting on the action directly to them.

With the musical numbers split between English and Spanish, and the dialogue about 75% English, audiences told Delaware Shakespeare that they had no trouble following the action.

The company’s “Twelfth Night, O Lo Que Quieras,” a translation of the play’s title “Twelfth Night, Or What You Will,” drew rave reviews from audiences and critics.

Jennifer Kramer of [PlayShakespeare.com](#) wrote “the transformative work urges the audience to reach across the borders of different cultures and seek one out themselves—to literally transform the world. By staying in conversation with the Bard, Delaware Shakespeare delivers a powerful message in any language.”

Gail Obenreder of [BroadStreet Review](#) praised the director. “The play’s charm and breadth of spirit, as well as its clarity and forward motion, are due in great part to Márquez, who cleverly and thoughtfully directs this production with warmth, wit and a sense of inclusiveness,” she said. “Though it’s more than two hours long, the show flows swiftly and joyously.”

The production included 25 songs and pulled the audience in partly by asking them to do things like hold protest signs during one scene, which Obenreder said many were enthusiastic about.

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Business

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AVELO AIRLINES TO BEGIN FLYING OUT OF NEW CASTLE

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

Since June, Delaware has been the only state in the country with no scheduled passenger airline service. That's about to change.

Ultra-low-cost carrier **Avelo Airlines** plans to begin commercial service out of New Castle's Wilmington Airport in late 2022, according to an **agreement** between the airline and the Delaware River and Bay Authority, which operates the airport.

It's not clear what destinations will be available out of New Castle. The airline has East Coast hubs in New Haven, CT, as well as Orlando and Ft. Myers, FL, so those are likely destinations, but it also offers some point-to-point routes to other cities in Florida.

Avelo Airlines is a new entrant in America's commercial aviation industry. Although it was founded in 1987 as charter carrier Casino Express Airlines, it rebranded to Avelo and transitioned to scheduled operations in

April 2021. The airline operates domestic routes on the East and West Coasts of the United States. As of September 2022, its fleet included 11 Boeing 737s.

Avelo Airlines and the Delaware River and Bay Authority did not respond to requests for comment. The agreement is for five years with the option to extend for an additional five years.

Budget carrier **Frontier Airlines** operated flights out of Wilmington Airport between 2013 and 2015, then again for half of 2021 before suspending its service. The Delaware River and Bay Authority spent **\$2 million** on security and customer service improvements prior to Frontier's 2021 return. The state has been without commercial airline service since Frontier's departure.



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COURT HALTS STATE SWITCH TO MEDICARE ADVANTAGE

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

The state’s **plan** to transition state government retirees’ health insurance from original Medicare to a privately-managed Medicare Advantage plan has been temporarily blocked.

A Delaware Superior Court judge on Wednesday ordered the state to halt implementation of the plan until the case is fully adjudicated. The court will schedule a trial to make a final determination on the fate of the Medicare Advantage plan, according to the ruling.

“The court agrees that if the stay is not granted, plaintiffs will be substantially harmed by the denial of the stay because the deadline for switching benefits through Open Enrollment is Oct. 24, 2022,” wrote Judge Calvin Scott Jr.

“This means retirees will be forced to enroll in the new Medicare Advantage plan or stay with traditional Medicare and give up their state-subsidized benefits within the next few days... .” Scott wrote that state retirees would suffer irreparable harm if he did not issue a stay, because their health insurance, “which they have a reasonable expectation of continuation, is at stake.”

In a statement to Delaware LIVE News, Emily David Hershman, Gov. John Carney’s director of communications, said the governor’s office is reviewing Wednesday’s ruling and its appeal options.

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MCGUINNESS SAVES CARNEY THE TROUBLE, RESIGNS IMMEDIATELY

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

Delaware State Auditor Kathy McGuinness resigned at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday. Gov. John Carney will name a replacement to serve the remainder of her term, which ends in January 2023.

The surprise announcement comes after McGuinness’s attorney, Steve Wood, told the court during McGuinness’s sentencing hearing that she submitted a letter of resignation to Carney **indicating** she planned to step down Nov. 4. According to Emily David Hershman, Carney’s director of communications, McGuinness sent Carney an updated letter of resignation after her sentencing Wednesday.

“The governor received a letter from the auditor this afternoon and has accepted her resignation effective 4:30 p.m. today, Oct. 19, 2022,” Hershman told Dela-

ware LIVE News. “There’s important work that has to be done in the auditor’s office over the next couple of months including the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report,” Hershman said. “The governor plans to name a replacement to continue this important work.”

That means McGuinness won’t be able to “tie up some loose ends”—the reason she offered the Nov. 4 resignation date.

“There’s a couple of engagements to finish,” McGuinness told reporters outside of the courthouse Wednesday. “I want to make sure that there is a seamless transition for the next administration so they are left in great shape.”

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NO JAIL TIME FOR 'DEEPLY REMORSEFUL' MCGUINNESS

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

Delaware state Auditor Kathy McGuinness will not see the inside of a jail cell after being sentenced on two misdemeanor public corruption charges Wednesday.

Prosecutors asked the judge to **impose** a 30-day prison sentence. Instead, she'll face two years of level-five probation, a \$10,000 fine and 500 hours of community service. McGuinness plans to appeal her convictions to the Delaware Supreme Court.

McGuinness was found **guilty** in July of misdemeanor official misconduct and misdemeanor conflict of interest stemming from her decision to hire her daughter to work in the auditor's office. The jury acquitted McGuinness of charges of theft and intimidation, both felonies, after an 11-day trial.

In a surprise announcement during the trial, defense

attorney Steve Wood told the judge McGuinness plans to resign from office effective Nov. 4. Later Wednesday afternoon, however, Gov. John Carney's office announced that McGuinness had sent a second letter of resignation, this time **offering** to step down Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. Carney accepted her resignation.

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STATE: \$677M SURPLUS PROJECTED FOR 2024, BUT RECESSION LOOMS

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

Delaware economic experts on Monday predicted a budget surplus of \$667.1 million for fiscal year 2024, but warned the state is likely already in a recession that could affect that forecast.

During the meeting of the **Delaware Economic and Financial Advisory Council**, revenue officials said they expected announcements that a recession either started last week or will this week. The recession is projected to be mild and last nine months.

In a meeting that DEFAC Chairman Mike Houghton described as “robust and chock full of ambiguity and concern,” the council and presenters talked about how various aspects of a recession are affecting and could affect the state’s budget.

The bottom line: Even if the recession is much worse than expected, Delaware’s revenues are expected to exceed its expenditures into 2027, based on current information.

That’s partly because of continuing strong corporate and personal income tax, as well as gross receipts sales tax growing at nearly 10% a year.

It’s in spite of lower real estate transfer tax because of an already softening real estate market state that experts attribute to Federal Reserve rate hikes designed to cool inflation, which is running at 8.3% nationally, but about \$8.1% in this region.

The state has seen little effect of a recession among revenue collections, except for hints of the real estate effect and a slowing down in June and July of personal tax withholding, which nobody yet knows what to attribute to, said David Roose of the Department of Revenue.

Delaware’s fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30, and the state is now at the start of the second quarter of its fiscal year 2023.

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THREE VIE FOR LONGTIME GOP SEAT IN DEM-HEAVY DISTRICT

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

Voters in Milton, Lewes, Rehoboth and Dewey will have three choices on the ballot when they vote for their next state senator in the Nov. 8 general election. One familiar name will not be on the ballot—that of Sen. Ernie Lopez, the 10-year incumbent Republican who opted against seeking re-election.

Republican State Rep. Steve Smyk, Democrat Russ Huxtable and Non-Partisan Delaware candidate Gwendolyn “Wendy” Jones want to fill his shoes.

Key issues for voters in the 6th Senate District include its aging and congested infrastructure, protection of agricultural lands, responsible growth, offshore wind and LGBT rights.

As of October, there are 18,845 Democratic voters in the district, 15,710 Republicans and 11,392 belonging to a third or no party.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Smyk has served in the Delaware House of Representatives since 2013. His 20th Representative District shared Milton and Lewes with the 6th Senate District, but not the more politically liberal Rehoboth and Dewey.

A 24-year veteran of the Delaware State Police and former president of the Delaware State Troopers Association, Smyk retired in 2012 to run for public office.

“I left the presidency of the State Troopers Association—one of the strongest labor organizations in the

state of Delaware—and I had seven more years that I could have been a trooper,” Smyk told Delaware LIVE News. “I gave that up because I care about the people of my community and I recognized back in 2012 that someone was going to represent us that didn’t reflect the wants and needs of the people I know in that district,” Smyk said. “That’s the same reason I’m running for Senate.”

Smyk said he watched the Democratic primary election and came to believe that Huxtable and his primary opponents were introducing national issues into the local dialogue in pursuit of national agendas.

That’s not what the people of the 6th Senate District are looking for, Smyk said. They’re interested in their “quality of life. When they sit down at the kitchen table, that’s what they’re talking about.”

Huxtable believes the issues he’s running on are ones that matter to the people in his district and sees his candidacy as a continuation of the public service he says he’s been committed to his whole life.

A native Delawarean and graduate of the University of Delaware, Huxtable volunteered as a staff member with the Appalachia Service Project while in college. The Service Project addresses substandard housing using volunteer labor to perform repairs to make homes “warmer, safer and drier.”

It was his work with that group that made Huxtable realize the life he envisioned for himself wasn’t what he wanted.

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DID YOU RECEIVE YOUR \$300 TAX REBATE? 780,000 OTHERS DID

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

The state has distributed some 780,000 **Relief Rebate checks**, according to Delaware Secretary of Finance Rick Geisenberger. Approximately \$15 million in rebate checks were mailed but never cashed, Geisenberger said during a Monday meeting of the **Delaware Economic and Financial Advisory Council**.

The 2022 Delaware Relief Rebate Program was passed by the General Assembly in April and authorized one-time direct payments of \$300 per adult resident. The program was projected to cost \$186.5 million out of the FY 2022 state budget with an additional \$50.5 million budgeted in the FY 2023 state budget.

“We’ve begun to eat into the \$50.5 million that was appropriated when we began sending checks out to folks who had not filed a tax return or existed in our tax record but existed only through DMV records, essentially,” Geisenberger said.

Beginning Nov. 1, adult Delawareans who were over the age of 18, living in the state on Dec. 31, 2021 and

who have not previously received a 2022 Relief Rebate, may apply **online**. The application period will close Nov. 30, 2022.

Applicants must have a valid Social Security number, a Delaware residential mailing address and an active Delaware driver’s license or identification card issued by the Delaware DMV prior to Dec. 31, 2021. No qualifying applicant will receive a Relief Rebate until after the application period has closed and all applications have been reviewed.

“We’re going to wait until we receive all of the applications in order to, frankly, assess how many applications we get and whether there’s any indication of fraud,” Geisenberger said.

“The goal is to issue checks in the December/January timeframe through the end of the year,” he said. “At that point, we’ll be able to tell you whether we went over or under the total amount that had been initially forecasted.”

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Furthermore, Matthews claims Wilson has shared with the board that he spends most of his time in Virginia, where he resides for work.

Multiple attempts were not successful Wednesday to reach Martin Wilson for comment.

Over the five years of working alongside Martin, Matthews says he's received a number of stakeholder and constituent complaints who want clarification to why Wilson is allowed to vote on governing policies that utilize public funds if he doesn't live in the district. Matthews said there have been several indications made by Wilson since 2017 that he does not live within District B.

One incident he cites comes from the district's board meeting on July 11, 2018. He says in that meeting, Wilson disclosed that investigators were stalking him around his home in Pike Creek.

"He disclosed that he owns a home in the city, rents in the suburbs with his wife, qualifying him to hold a seat as a voting member on the Red Clay Board of Education despite legislation passed by State Legislators," the complaint read. "He even announced that he sought legal guidance and received a judge-issued decision creating a special exemption allowing him to hold this voting seat."

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BY JAREK RUTZ

Jose Matthews, a member of the Red Clay School Board, is calling for fellow board member Martin Wilson to be removed. In a complaint filed with the **Public Integrity Commission** Wednesday morning, Matthews cites several reasons why Wilson's actions on the board are not only unethical, but unlawful. Matthews released his complaint in an email to legislators and fellow board members.

Delaware code requires school board members to reside in the district that they represent. Martin Wilson represents District B, which includes parts of the city of Wilmington. However, Matthews says he has stated on record that he lives in Pike Creek with his wife.

"He owns a home in Wilmington that is to my knowledge rented to his daughter, despite public records showing no existence of a permit," the complaint read.

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NEW CASTLE LAUNCHES FOUR ELEMENTARY WELLNESS CENTERS

BY JAREK RUTZ

Four New Castle County elementary schools are getting wellness centers that will offer medical, mental health and nutrition services to vulnerable students. Appoquinimink’s **Louis L. Redding Middle School**—which also serves **Silver Lake Elementary**, Christina’s **Brookside**, Colonial’s **McCullough** and Red Clay’s **Richardson Park** elementary schools will receive \$250,000 in funding for the next two years, for a total investment of \$2 million.

Getting quality medical care to the young when they need it is the best way to help them achieve in school and life, officials said.

New Castle County Executive Matt Meyer and the superintendents of Colonial, Christina, Red Clay and Appo school districts, gathered Wednesday to celebrate New Castle County’s investment.

“You can only bend a tree when it’s young,” Meyer said. “It’s not about politics or even about budget and policy. It’s about kids and their health.”

Wellness centers use the help of community-based health systems to provide services to students. While all Delaware high schools already have a wellness center, Meyer said there is a definite need at the elementary level, where teachers and students recently have been more open about student mental health struggles.

The four districts have partnered with several community health institutions like **Nemours** and the **Life Health Center**.

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STATE TEACHERS' UNION ASKS FOR BASE PAY HIKE

BY JAREK RUTZ

Delaware's teacher union proposed a new salary schedule Monday that includes a base pay of \$60,000. Of that base pay, \$42,000 would come from the state—\$12,000 more than it's currently paying. Under the plan, teacher salaries would be raised over three years, costing the state \$134.5 million in total. By the final year, total teacher salaries would cost the state \$625,500,000 per year.

Jeff Taschner, executive director at [Delaware State Education Association](#), told the Public Education Compensation Committee the proposed pay hike would help Delaware compete with neighboring states, which offer higher starting salaries.

The meeting was the compensation committee's third after being created by the General Assembly to examine teacher shortages and develop a plan to compete with neighboring states' salaries.

Maryland, for example, passed legislation giving teachers starting salaries of \$60,000 by 2024.

The DSEA's proposed pay schedule would change the number of pay steps to 10, down from the current 17.

That means teachers would reach their maximum pay after 10 years of employment, unless they pursue higher education, Taschner said.

Career earnings will be significantly increased, Taschner said, because teachers will be making more money at the beginning of their careers. That may enable them to pursue additional degrees, opening options for additional raises.

“By condensing that salary schedule, it absolutely increases the career earnings across the board of anybody in the system, whether you're a teacher or administrator,” said committee member and educator David Kohen.

Sen. Brian Pettyjohn, R-Georgetown, said DSEA's proposal is a good concept that will accelerate educators' career earnings. Still, he wants to keep the options open and look for other possible pay scale recommendations.

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BY JAREK RUTZ

The **Brandywine School District** followed the leader and voted unanimously Monday night to join the **Wilmington Learning Collaborative**. The vote follows the **Christina School District**'s unanimous vote last week.

Next up, and last to vote, will be the Red Clay Consolidated School District which met Wednesday, Oct. 19. That meeting can be seen [HERE](#).

The Brandywine vote came two hours into its monthly meeting, when the board approved a motion to sign the 20-page and final draft **agreement**. The vote came after the majority of the eight-seat board for months cited concerns that only one-third of the district's Wilmington elementary students would be involved in the program.

The Collaborative is designed to help elementary and middle school students close the learning gap with suburban schools by adopting more practices that teachers say work, as well as providing the students and their families with social services and mental health support.

Harlan Elementary is the only Brandywine school in the Learning Collab since it is within the city's limits.

BRANDYWINE SAYS YES TO WILMINGTON LEARNING COLLAB

Two-thirds of the district's elementary students who live in Wilmington attend schools in the suburbs, such as Carrcroft or Hanby.

The Learning Collaborative is a joint project initiated by Gov. John Carney's office and the **Delaware Department of Education**.

Board president John Skrobot, among others, said the \$7 million in the state budget that's allocated towards the Learning Collab isn't enough. "We're replacing bureaucracy with more bureaucracy," he said.

Even so, he voted to join, saying that this is a community effort and every single person who he's spoken to about the collaborative, as well as every public comment, has been in support.

"These are aggressive goals which I hope we all achieve, but I'm concerned that the amount of money being allocated won't allow us to meet those goals," said board member Jason Heller.

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BY JAREK RUTZ

Wilmington University is starting a law school. It will be the First State's second, joining Widener University's Delaware Law School, which was founded in 1971.

Soon-to-be-lawyers don't have to rack up hundreds of thousands of dollars to attend, either. The cost for full-time students will be \$24,000 per year and \$18,000 for part-time students, which the university's website says is the cheapest tuition of any law school in the region.

To compare, Widener's law school costs a first-year, full-time student \$57,376 per year and part-time students \$43,032. The cheapest tuition path, which is for part-time students who are sophomores or older, costs \$39,446, \$15,000 more than WilmU's program.

Phillip Closius will serve as dean. Closius was the dean of the [University of Baltimore School of Law](#) for four years and also taught law at the [University of Toledo School of Law](#) for 28 years.

On WilmU's [website](#), Closius welcomed the community and stated that the institution is "committed to being something different..."

He pointed out that he and his staff have decades of experience at other law schools. Closius has practiced law at several different firms during his career as a professor and dean. In addition, he taught at Southwestern University School of Law, the University of Bridgeport School of Law and the Ohio Northern University Pettit College of Law.

Similar to other programs at WilmU, the course schedules and curricula have been crafted to maximize the benefit for students who may be balancing professional and personal commitments in addition to their studies.

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Sports

TOWN SQUARE LIVE



BY GLENN FRAZER

Bellevue State Park was the setting for a “picture-perfect” autumn day as 416 varsity runners competed in the Joe O’Neill Cross Country Invitational. Salesianum and Padua took the team titles. The Sals (66) finished just six points ahead of second place Middletown. Cape Henlopen took third with 90 points.

The Cavaliers’ Jonathan Drew won the boys race with a time of 15:43.23. He was followed nine seconds later by Ryan Baker of Cape, and just one second behind Baker was Ethan Walther of DMA finishing in third. The rest of the top 10 were:

Jonas Rush–Middletown (4th), Matt Miller–Sals (5th), Chase Sims–Indian River (6th), James Kennedy–Sals (7th), Walter Samuels–Middletown (8th), Ian Cain–Caesar Rodney (9th) and Ben Pizzaro–Tatnall (10th). There were 240 participants in the varsity boys race.

SALESIANUM, PADUA RUNNERS WIN JOE O'NEILL INVITATIONAL TITLES

Tatnall junior Carlita Kaliher won the girls race in a time of 18:16.60. Finishing second was Sophia Holgado of Padua in 18:34.60 and just three seconds behind her was Middletown’s Isabelle Walsh in third.

Padua won the team title with 49 points. Charter School of Wilmington took second with 134 points and Archmere finished in third with 148 points.

After Kaliher, Holgado and Walsh, here are the remaining top 10 in the girls event: Brynn Crandell–Indian River (4th), Mary Flanagan–Padua (5th), Alyssa Napier–Conrad (6th), Natalie Donaldson–St. Marks (7th), 8th and 9th places were St. Andrews runners Lia Miller and Leah Horgan, with the 10th spot going to Clare Kornacki from Ursuline. There were 176 participants in the girls race.

The event was hosted by N5CTa and full race results can be found at www.de.milesplit.com.



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CARAVEL REMAINS UNBEATEN WITH WIN OVER WOODBRIDGE

BY GLENN FRAZER

The Caravel Buccaneers had lost five straight games to Woodbridge, dating back to 2012. Coach John Reed's team scored 14 first quarter points on the way to a 28-16 victory last Friday, thus snapping that losing skid and improving to 6-0 in the process.

The Bucs drove downfield on their opening possession as Craig Miller punched it in from five yards out and Logan Keld nailed the point-after for a quick 7-0 lead. Caravel then forced a punt on the ensuing Blue Raider drive. Ji-Kare Banks' kick was picked up on the run by Trey Hamlin who took it 70 yards "to-the-house" for a 14-0 advantage. The two defenses tightened up in a scoreless second quarter, as Caravel took the two-score lead into the half.

Woodbridge came out "fired up" to start the second half. The Blue Raider defense stopped the Bucs on their first possession, forcing a punt. The Blue Raider offense

used its version of the Smyrna "earthquake" formation and drove downfield deep into Caravel territory with the power run game. Traci Johnson faked a run and found Banks for an 11-yard touchdown. Johnson then ran in the conversion to close the gap to 14-8. That score would hold up until the final quarter.

The Buccaneers got the offense going again early in the fourth, as Miller carried the ball from a yard out, increasing the Bucs lead to 21-8 with 10 minutes to go. It was plenty of time for Woodbridge as it moved the ball into Caravel territory on a 14-yard run by Johnson, and a nice 17-yard pass from Zach Plummer to Jeremiah Bruce. It was then that the Bucs defense would change the momentum. Johnson carried the ball on fourth down from the Bucs 34. He broke several tackles (as he did all game), had the first down yardage at the 26, but was hit and stripped of the ball by Chris DeRegis. Several players from both teams had a chance to recover the fumble until Trey Hamlin fell on the ball at the four. Then it was "Miller Time" as the Caravel halfback carried twice out to the 29 and broke loose down the sideline for a 71-yard TD to put the game on ice.

The Blue Raiders added a late score as Plummer passed 20 yards to Ci-Atrick Stones to make the final score 28-16.

Miller was named the Delaware Live "player-of-the-game" with 224 yards rushing on 27 carries and three touchdowns. Johnson paced Woodbridge with 181 yards on 28 attempts. He ran for both two-point conversions

and passed to Banks for a score. Caravel outgained the Blue Raiders 306-272.

The Bucs improved to 6-0 (3-0 in 2A-District 3) and hosts Lake Forest for homecoming on Friday. Woodbridge falls to 1-2 in district play (1-5 overall) and will also have homecoming Friday, hosting Milford.



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SALESIANUM DEFEATS NO. 1 MIDDLETOWN

BY NICK HALLIDAY

Middletown showed its appreciation of former coach and now Salesianum head coach Bill DiNardo, as he reached the 300th win milestone. DiNardo coached at Middletown for 17 years and led them to three state championships. However, he would lead his Sals to a big win upsetting his former team.

Middletown came into this game ranked No.1 in the state by our rankings as Salesianun sat at No.5. The Sals defense made its presence early by forcing the high-powered Cavaliers offense to four straight punts on their first four possessions. They also forced two turnovers which led to their first 10 points of the game.

After the first interception by R.J. Johnson, Salesianum was able to put up the first points on the board. Late in the first quarter as the Sals' drive stalled, they called out their star kicker James Collins who was able

to boot a successful 29-yard field goal, 3-0 Sals.

The second interception came early in the second quarter as Middletown quarterback Austin Troyer was under heavy pressure. Backpedaling out of the pocket with four Sals defenders in his face, he threw a pass, but it was picked off by Jacob Ziegler as he took the pass 40 yards for the touchdown, 10-0 Sals.

Middletown's big playmaker Mikey Pearson set the Cavaliers up to begin their comeback two minutes later. He took a Sals punt and nearly returned it 50 yards down to the Salesianum 22-yard line. After a couple of plays, the drive was capped off as Joshua Roberson took a handoff and scampered in for an 11-yard touchdown run, 10-7 Sals.

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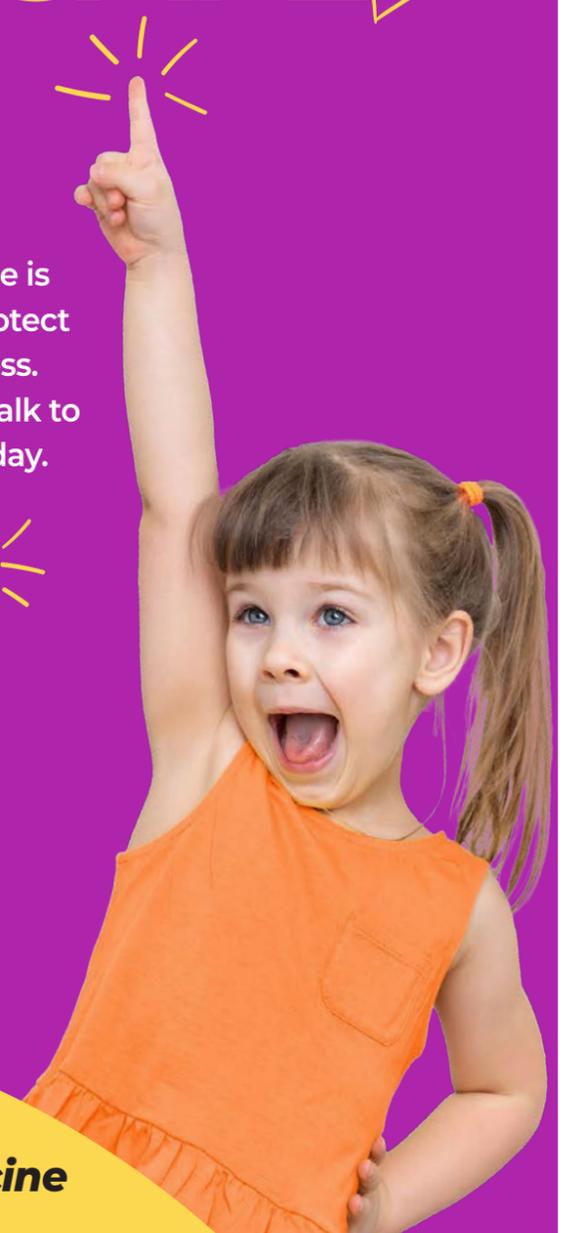
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DMA FOOTBALL COACH NICK LINCOLN SUSPENDED BY DIAA

BY JASON WINCHELL

Delaware Military Academy does not plan to appeal the 30-day suspension of head football coach Nick Lincoln, according to a letter sent to school football families on Oct. 13. The board of directors of the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association voted earlier that day to sanction Lincoln and two others for their actions that led to an ineligible player being allowed to appear in a game earlier this season.

In the letter obtained Oct. 13 by Delaware Live, commandant Anthony Pullella and athletics director Jeremy Jeanne said they do “not necessarily agree” with the decision to suspend Lincoln, but they will respect the governing board’s decision. Will Crawford, the assistant head coach and defensive line coach, will assume the head coaching duties until the ban ends on Nov. 12, one day after the regular season concludes.

The situation in question began on Aug. 26, when the Seahawks hosted St. Georges for a sanctioned scrimmage. A Delaware Military player was ejected from the scrimmage for striking an opponent, which meant an automatic suspension for the next game, which was the season opener against Howard on Sept. 2.

The wrong player was identified by Jeanne, who said the players wore different numbers on their scrimmage jerseys than what appears on the current roster. The player who should have been suspended played against Howard. The game was stopped in the third quarter after a mild panic in the bleachers and was going to be completed later in the season. Howard, who was leading 8-0, was awarded a forfeit win after the ineligible player was determined.

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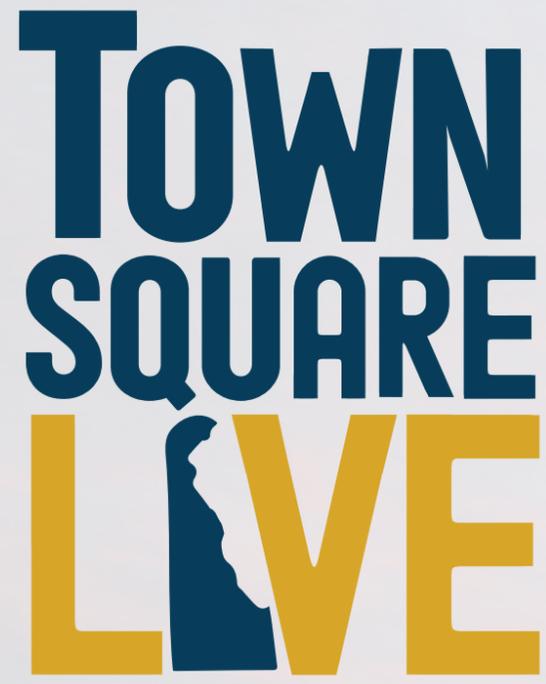


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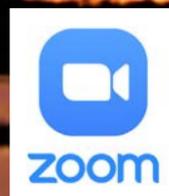


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